



January 20, 2014

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Reading Public Library was held today at 4:30 PM at 113 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Reading, PA, Renee Dietrich, President, presiding.

**Present:** Renee Dietrich, Heather Hanna, Jim Shankweiler, Henriette Alban, Greg Knies, Robin Costenbader-Jacobson, Johanny Cepeda, Frank Kasproicz, Sandy Stief, Justin Bodor, Stephanie Towles

**Absent:** Ernie Schlegel, Toni Albert, Paul Hoh. All excused.

**Guests:** Kate Thornton and Denise Sticha.

Introduction of newest board member Jim Shankweiler.

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes made Henriette Alban, seconded by Robin Costenbader-Jacobson. Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion to accept the December Treasurer's Report made by Stephanie Towles, seconded by Justin Bodor. Accepted

**Director's Report:** Copies of the Director's Report were made available along with additional handouts. Frank Kasproicz gave an update regarding the reopening of the Main library. We continue to have snow plowing issues at the branches. The Bookmobile has been picked up for auction. Two custodians have been hired to replace John who retired and Chris who resigned. Text RPL is on the horizon. A demonstration will be given at the next board meeting. A researcher has been using the PA room while writing an article regarding the origins of Pennsylvania public libraries. Comments were made regarding the Year End Statistics.

**Library Services:** No Report

**Facilities:** Report given by Henriette Alban. There are a few punch list items remaining but should be resolved soon. A meeting with Frank Watts is being scheduled to discuss the overall budget of the renovation project.

**Finance:** No Report

**Personnel:** No Report

**Development:** Report given by Kate Thornton. Handouts were made available to provide information on upcoming events. January 25<sup>th</sup> will be the Reopening/Dedication of the Main Library. Cocktails and Classics is scheduled for March 21st. Jazz Fest is scheduled for March 29<sup>th</sup>. Donations and fundraising efforts raised \$108,557.68 in 2013.

**Strategic Planning:** Report given by Robin Costenbader-Jacobson. Board members should have received a draft of the strategic plan. The plan is to move forward with the listed objectives. Meeting dates are being scheduled. .

**By-Laws:** Non Report

**Unfinished Business:** The website is still under construction. Robin made the suggestion to have a Trustees tab and have information uploaded that would be beneficial and accessible to all trustees.

**New Business:** None.

Denise Sticha from BCPL presented a plaque recognizing RPL for their 250 years of dedicated service.

Motion to adjourn by Heather Hanna, seconded by Henriette Alban. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,